



City Acts to Fence Oil Sumps Here

OWNERS TO GET WARNING

The promise was made this week by City Manager George Stevens that the city will take concerted action to have all oil sumps in this city fenced, following an editorial published in this newspaper last week.

In answer to charges made in these columns, Stevens stated that a systematic check of all oil wells and derricks would be made to locate unfenced oil sumps.

Violators Warned

Where found, the owners or operators of the wells would be notified of the condition and given 30 days to comply with the city ordinance that demands safe fencing of all open wells and oil sumps.

The City Manager stated that he would ask Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell to be responsible for surveying the field and notifying sump owners.

Parents Ask Aid

The move comes as the culmination of an exclusive campaign by this newspaper to have the legislation, enacted last year, enforced.irate parents urged the Press to aid in the drive to have the sumps fenced.

Now, following a series of articles and photographs pointing out the dangers to Torrance children, city officials have gone on record with promises to remove the dreadful menaces from this city.

Horse Rams Side of Car, Kills Rider

A runaway stallion Sunday at dusk ran full gallop into the side of a car here, killing itself and a 15-year-old rider, police reported. The two occupants of the car were injured.

The horse's rider was Paul Doran of 1425 W. 221st St., Shoshone, son of Robert Doran, science teacher at Banning High School, Wilmington. Police said the boy was riding the horse bareback and without a bridle.

The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. at 220th St. and Normandie Ave. Intersection, police said.

Frank Tucker, 30, of 1838 Latham Court, San Pedro, driver of the car, and his sister, Mrs. Anna Lee Calardy, were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Harvey Begins Construction Of Two Plants

Construction of a heavy press to be operated here by the Harvey Machine Co. is expected to begin within the next two months, it was announced this week.

News that Harvey would build and operate the giant Air Force factory was printed exclusively in this newspaper on July 3, 1952.

The multi-million dollar facility is to be built on a site south of the present Harvey plant on the southeast corner of Western ave. and 109th st.

The 10-story structure will be used to stamp out parts for aircraft at a considerable saving of

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RUMOR COLUMBIA HAS GIANT ARMY CONTRACT

Jobs Shifted as Nail Mill Closes

Unofficial but authoritative sources report today that the Torrance plant of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Co. has received a government order for 5,000 tons of shell casings per month and will step up production to meet the order.

This follows a disclosure by Columbia officials that the nail mill at the plant has been closed down and is being torn out. Another report indicated that production in the sheet rolling mill has been curtailed and may be closed completely within the near future.

Lay-Off Absorbed

An undisclosed number of men were laid off last week when the nail mill ceased to operate. However, it was reported that increased production resulting from the reported Army contract will absorb the lay-off and create a demand for additional employees.

The plant grape-vine is humming with reports that a gigantic expansion of the local facility is planned for this year. The steel company has for several years talked of enlarging their plant here and owns several large tracts of land adjacent to their existing installation.

Job Changes

Union officials have joined with management in making certain job changes that resulted when the nail mill was closed.

A Columbia representative stated that the company's nail making operation would be centered at the Pittsburgh, Calif., plant now.

Woolley Named City Prosecutor

Attorney Boris S. Woolley was named to act as City Prosecutor by the City Council last Tuesday night on the recommendation of City Attorney James M. Hall.

Hall asked that Woolley be engaged on a part-time basis at a monthly payment of \$200, effective January 23.

Woolley will prosecute all criminal cases for the city, leaving Hall free to handle all other city legal business.

Begin Home Improvement Contest Here

CARSON — A community-wide neighborhood improvement contest is being launched this week as the major project of the Dominguez Area Rotary Club, it was announced by William Edgell, press secretary for the club.

The contest, open to all residents in the area bounded by Lomita Blvd., Normandie Ave., 109th St., and the Los Angeles River Flood Control, offers prizes in several divisions and a grand sweepstakes prize.

Awards will be given for the best yard, best grass lawn, best dichondra lawn, best flower garden, best rose garden, best perennials, and best annuals.

The competition gets under way immediately and judging will begin on June 1, Edgell disclosed. Sam Sault is general chairman of the project.

The Rotary group welcomed two new members into their organization last week. They are Llewellyn O. Griffiths, 556 E. 231st St., property manager of the Avalon Village, and Robert F. Dunbar, 2637 E. Carson St., variety store owner.

Homeowners Meet Monday

The Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. at El Retiro Park, it was announced today by D. R. Whitney, president.



PLANNING BIG YEAR—Starting off a year of activity for the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board will be the appearance of new President Howard J. Percy (in center wearing bow tie) and past-President C. J. "Paddy" Ryan (standing to right of Percy) on a television program this Monday evening, Feb. 2, on Channel 9, beginning at 8:15 p.m. The program will highlight the development and growth of Torrance, and will feature the appearance of other prominent local citizens. Shown with Percy and Ryan above, are other members of the Realty Board of Directors. Left to right, front row, are W. E. Bowen, G. M. Earle, Edith Smith, vice-president, Percy, Ryan, H. B. Bowker, and Elmer H. Epperson. Standing at the back are H. V. Peterson and Perry L. Connitt, secretary-treasurer.

Realty Board Officials on TV Show Monday Night

Top officials of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board will be among the prominent local figures appearing on a special television program Monday, Feb. 2, beginning at 8:15 p.m. on Channel 9, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsor of the program.

Realty Board President Howard J. Percy and past-President C. J. "Paddy" Ryan will appear on the show giving Torrance a boost before the thousands of persons who regularly view the show.

"Both Ryan and myself were pleased to accept the invitation to appear on the TV show on behalf of the Realty Board. Officials and

members of this organization enthusiastically support any activity that will benefit Torrance," Percy said.

Mayor Mervin Schwab, City Manager George Stevens, and Chamber President Robert I. Plomert, Jr., will also appear on the program, which will originate from the Wilmington Bowl. The showing will be followed by the semi-finals of the amateur Golden Gloves boxing bouts.

Isenberg announced that the Torrance Area Youth Band will be on the show also, providing a number of musical selections.

Half-price tickets to Monday evening's event are available now at the Chamber of Commerce.

Trash on Maple St. Removed

In order to avert another tragic accident similar to the recent one in which 11-year-old Fred Martin

was severely injured on a rusty tin can, city street crews this week cleaned out all trash and rubbish from along Maple St. and Sonoma ave., according to City Manager George Stevens.

"With the co-operation of the street department, the police, and the general public, we hope to be able to keep the area clean and to eliminate several other danger spots in town," Stevens said.

The Martin boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Martin, of 1630 Greenwood ave., was returned home from the hospital last Friday. His arm and hand will remain in a cast for possibly three more weeks, his mother said.

After this, she reported, extensive therapy will be necessary to restore his arm to full use. A tendon in the arm was severed when Fred fell on a pile of trash illegally dumped in a vacant lot near his home.

Police Chief John Stroh reported that police officers have made several arrests of illegal dumpers recently.

He said that Torrance citizens could be of great assistance to this department if they would be watchful for illegal dumpers in their neighborhoods.

"Anyone seeing an illegal dumper in action should take down the license number of the automobile, observe the dumper closely for identification, and call the police station immediately," he said. The violators do not dump while a black and white police squad car is around, so private citizens observing such activity can be a great help in stamping out this illegal and dangerous practice, he added.

Council Divided On Appointment

Interested citizens are still trying to figure out who's on first in the recreation department this week.

The original issue of whether or not Torrance children are really getting a good, balanced recreation program seems to have fallen by the way side in the wild clash of personalities in city hall.

Torrance City Mayor Mervin Schwab declined to join either camp in the dispute over who is to head the city recreation department when the issue came before the City Council Tuesday night.

'CITIZEN OF YEAR' PLANNED

Plans are being made to organize a Citizen of the Year Award for the city of Torrance, according to Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and leader of the drive.

According to Isenberg an outstanding citizen of this city will be selected by a five-man board. Candidates would be over 21, a resident of Torrance, either a member of the Chamber or employed by a member, and a citizen of the United States.

Any adult individual resident could nominate a candidate for the award, Isenberg said.

Isenberg has contacted the families of two prominent citizens who have died here for sponsorship of the award, which would be a memorial trophy.

The selection board would consist of either widow or member of the trophy donor's family, a member of the clergy, mayor of the city, president of the chamber, and the superintendent of schools.

The name of the Citizen of the Year would be held in confidence after the board's decision until the night of presentation of the award, Isenberg stated.

Name Top Red Cross Drive Aids

More top volunteer leaders for the 1953 Red Cross fund-raising drive were named here this week by J. Hugh Sherfy, Torrance branch campaign chairman.

Commerce and industry chairman will be A. E. Thompson, of General Petroleum Corp. Mrs. James H. VanDyke, 2554 Torrance Blvd., has been picked as residential chairman, and Mrs. Don Hyde, 1537 El Prado ave., will be small business chairman.

Professional chairman is Dr. Allen Pyeatt, of 1439 Marcelina ave.

"Red Cross participation in the dramatic fight against polio means we can not fall short of our \$3,150,000 Los Angeles Chapter goal," Sherfy said. "Otherwise, we will be forced to count our failures in crippled children."

"When the national Red Cross leaders agreed to underwrite operation gamma globulin," they knew that the success of the project would depend solely on the people of America and their willingness to push the March fund drive over the top," he said.

Youth Hurt When Auto Hits Bicycle

Severe abrasions to the right side of his body resulted when 12-year-old Kenneth Mosley was knocked from his bicycle and dragged by an automobile late Monday afternoon on Beech ave., near Torrance Blvd.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mosley of 613 Pine Drive, was rushed to Harbor General Hospital where he was treated for the lacerations and released.

His bicycle which was dragged under the car was a total loss, his mother said.

Driver of the car, Sam Piazza, 26, of 907 Beech ave, was not held, according to Torrance police.

Offer Ten-Week Free Real Estate Course

Ray D. Westcott, chief deputy of the Los Angeles office of the California State division of real estate, will be the first speaker in the ten-week real estate lecture course being offered here jointly by the School of Adult Education, the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The free course is designed especially for real estate brokers and salespeople, property owners, and persons preparing for license examinations, according to Dale Isenberg, Chamber executive secretary.

Meetings will be held each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 beginning on Feb. 18. The classes will be held in the Torrance High School cafeteria on Plaza del Amo Blvd.

Each meeting will feature a lecture by a nationally known authority in one field of real estate. The talk will be followed by discussion or films.

Topics to be covered in the course include California real estate law, property ownership, mortgages, deeds, leases, appraising, financing, real estate taxes, escrow procedure, land descriptions, business opportunities, concluding with real estate trends and forecast.

Smith, who suffered the stroke on January 12, was ordered to remain in the hospital for at least one month, to be followed by an additional rest at home, before returning to his post, it was reported. He is receiving no visitors under doctors orders.

Pyle, a telephone company employee for 27 years, has managed the San Pedro office for the past 12 years.

TV Store Under New Ownership

James Nicola announced this week that he has taken over full ownership of the former Lloyd Dennee television and appliance store here. A new feature of the store will be an around-the-clock television, radio, and appliance repair service. The store will continue to handle such well-known lines as Kaye-Halbert, Hotpoint, General Electric, Philco, RCA and Hoffmann.

Formerly a partner in the business, Nicola disclosed that with the assumption of full ownership, he has changed the name of the store to Nicola's TV and Appliances.

"We will continue to carry the same fine quality line of television sets and major and minor home appliances," Nicola said.

"In addition, we will inaugurate a complete around-the-clock repair service and all TV sets, radio, and appliances," he stated.

James Seigrist, who has been manager of the store since its opening in 1951, will continue in that capacity. Seigrist is a Torrance resident.

In re-opening the store under his ownership, Nicola gave local residents the following assurance, "I will personally guarantee that nobody in town will undersell me on any major or minor product and at the same time give the extra

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Classified Ad Helps Find Lost Glasses

"I have the Torrance Press to thank for the return of my eyeglasses which I lost in a Torrance restaurant on Jan. 17," said Mrs. C. A. Harner, of 2359 W. 248th St., Lomita.

"I ran a small ad last Thursday asking the return of the spectacles, and they were returned to me immediately by a person who had seen the ad," Mrs. Harner said.

"Lose it? Find it? Want to return it? Recover it?"

A Torrance Press classified ad is one sure way of recovering lost property, because 100,000 persons in the Torrance area see yours ad each week.

This small, inexpensive ad brought the return of Mrs. Harner's glasses:

LOST a pair of glasses Sat., Jan. 17 at Daniel's Cafe, Lomita 398-M.

To place your ad just call Torrance 1185.



JAMES NICOLA
... owner



JAMES SEIGRIST
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